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SUBJECT: KENYA BOYCOTT OF UGANDA GOODS CONTINUES

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1. SUMMARY: BOYCOTT OF UGANDA CARGO IN KENYA'S PORTS CONTINUES, AND GOK APPEARS TO BE INSISTING ON APOLOGY FROM AMIN AS WELL AS RENUNCIATION OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AS PRICE OF NORMALIZATION. AMIN HAS REPORTEDLY MADE OVERTURES TO KENYATTA FOR PERSONAL VISIT TO KENYA TO EASE RELATIONS, BUT HAS NOT APOLOGIZED. END SUMMARY.

2. GEOFFREY KARIITHI, PERMANENT SECRETARY IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND ONE OF KENYATTA'S CLOSEST ADVISORS, SAID

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YESTERDAY THAT FEB 23 STATEMENT BY UGANDAN PRESIDENT

IDI AMIN (REPORTED REFTTEL) DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APOLOGY FOR RECENT TERRITORIAL CLAIM WHICH GOK IS INSISTING UPON BEFORE PRESENTLY STRAINED BILATERAL RELATIONS CAN BE NORMALIZED. KARIITHI ALSO SAID THAT KENYA DOES NOT WANT TO INSTITUTE "BLOCKADE" OF UGANDA AND REFERRED TO BOYCOTT OF UGANDAN CARGOS BY DOCK WORKERS IN MOMBASA AS SHORT-TERM "TOKEN GESTURE" DESIGNED TO SHOW KENYANS' ANGER OVER AMIN'S CLAIM. DESPITE KARIITHI'S REMARKS AND COMMENTS YESTERDAY BY TOP GOK OFFICIAL IN MOMBASA THAT BOYCOTT ABOUT TO BE LIFTED, SHIPPING CONTACTS IN MOMBASA CONFIRM THAT BOYCOTT STILL FIRMLY IN EFFECT MORNING OF FEB 26 AND THAT SHIPS' MOVEMENTS BEING DELAYED AS DOCK WORKERS REFUSE EVEN TO DISCHARGE UGANDA-BOUND CARGOS.

3. STATE HOUSE THINKING ON CURRENT SITUATION MAY HAVE BEEN CONTAINED IN FEB 26 DAILY NATIONAL EDITORIAL WHICH CALLED AMIN'S ORIGINAL TERRITORIAL CLAIM "TANTAMOUNT TO BELLIGERENCY AND AGGRESSION" AND INSISTED THAT UGANDA RPT UGANDA ISSUE CATEGORICAL STATEMENT THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY CLAIM AGAINST KENYAN TERRITORY NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. EDITORIAL REJECTED AMIN'S OFFER OF "ASSISTANCE" SAYING KENYA FULLY CAPABLE OF LOOKING AFTER HER OWN DEFENSE.

4. PRESS ACCOUNTS, QUOTING "RELIABLE SOURCES", SAID AMIN HAS ASKED GOK TO ACCEPT HIS PERSONAL ENVOY WHO WOULD PAVE WAY FOR PERSONAL VISIT BY AMIN DURING WHICH AMIN WOULD PRESUMABLY APOLOGIZE TO GOK AND KENYAN PEOPLE. NEWSPAPER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH A VISIT REGARDED AS "HIGHLY UNLIKELY" UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. IN ANOTHER VEIN, AMIN REPORTEDLY HAS COMMENTED PUBLICLY THAT KENYA DERIVES SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF ITS ELECTRICITY FROM UGANDA (EMBASSY ESTIMATES THIS TO BE 15-20 PER CENT OF TOTAL), THEREBY HINTING AT POSSIBLE RETALIATION FOR KENYA ECONOMIC BOYCOTT. MOREOVER, AMBASSADOR LEARNED FROM WELL-CONNECTED KENYAN THAT PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S PHOTOGRAPH HAS BEEN BURNED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLIC IN UGANDA. IF TRUE, THIS ACT PRESUMABLY IN RESPONSE TO BURNING OF AMIN'S EFFIGY WHICH HAS BEEN REGULAR FEATURE OF NATIONWIDE ANTI-AMIN DEMONSTRATIONS. KENYA PRESS HAS NOT REPORTED PHOTO BURNING OR OTHER SIGNS OF UGANDAN PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD KENYA, BUT HAS CONTINUED TO KEEP SPOTLIGHT ON AMIN.

6. ACCORDING PRESS, KENYATTA RECEIVED PERSONAL MESSAGE

FROM TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE DELIVERED BY SPECIAL  
EMISSARY FEB 25. CONTENTS OF MESSAGE ARE UNKNOWN, BUT  
LOCAL SPECULATION LINKS IT WITH KENYA-UGANDA IMBROGLIO.

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